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NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 25 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to annex hereto for your information the text of decision 360, entitled "Rejection of renewed attempts by the Congress of the United States of America to tighten the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba", which was adopted on 13 July 1995 at the twenty-first regular session of the Council of the Latin American Economic System, held at the ministerial level in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Like other major pronouncements on the subject, this decision clearly reflects the region's continued rejection of the embargo against Cuba and of attempts to tighten it, as already expressed in decision 356, adopted by the same body at its twentieth regular session, held in 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex published as an official document of the General Assembly under item 27 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Bruno RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Decision 360, adopted on 13 July 1995 at the regular ministerial-level session of the Council of the Latin American Economic System, entitled "Rejection of renewed attempts by the Congress of the United States of America to tighten the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba"

The Latin American Council,

In view of:

Article 3, paragraphs (a) and (b), article 4 and article 5, paragraphs 1 (1) and (4), of the Panama Convention,

Decision 112 of the Latin American Economic System concerning the imposition of coercive economic measures,

Resolutions 47/19, 48/16 and 49/9 of the United Nations General Assembly and decision 356 of the Latin American Economic System, which call for the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba,

The statements made at the fourteenth Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Policy Coordination (Rio Group) and at the twenty-first Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) rejecting the draft law entitled "Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995", currently being circulated in the United States Congress,

Considering:

The need to reaffirm, among other principles, the sovereign equality of States, non-interference in their internal affairs and freedom of trade and navigation, which are enshrined in many international legal instruments,

That, despite the disapproval of the international community, new actions to heighten the impact of the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba continue to be conducted, whose extraterritorial repercussions affect the sovereignty of other States and the interests of entities or persons under their jurisdiction,

DECIDES:

To reaffirm its support for United Nations General Assembly resolution 49/9, adopted on 26 October 1994, which calls for the elimination of unilateral economic and trade laws and measures which are incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

To reject the draft law entitled "Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995" of the Congress of the United States of America, considering that it violates international law, the most fundamental principles of good-neighbourliness and internationally recognized practices concerning freedom of trade and navigation;

To call for the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.